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SUBJECT: US PLOT TO GRAB BASE RIGHTS ON CYPRUS

1. FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS PRESS HAS BEEN PLAYING ON THEME OF

FOREIGN BASES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, ESPECIALLY US
BASES, FOCUS ON WHICH WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY ISRAEL CALL FOR US

BASES IN ISRAEL.

2. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, ROSE AL-YUSUF AUGUST 19 CARRIED

ARTICLE BY MUSTAFA AL-HUSSEINI DESCRIBING THE AMERICAN PARTICI-
PATION IN THE SUEZ CANAL CLEARANCE EFFORT AS A COVER FOR A PLAN
TO TEST THE USEFULNESS OF CYPRUS AS A SUPPLY POINT FOR FUTURE
OPERATIONS IN THE ME. ACCORDING TO THE MAGAZINE, THE US CONVINCED
MAKARIOS TO GRANT TEMPORARY FACILITIES TO THE US UNDER THE PRETENSE
THAT IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF CYPRUS'S ARAB FRIENDS. MAKARIOS
DID SO ON THIS BASIS. DETERMINING THAT CYPRUS WAS HIGHLY USEFUL
FOR "FUTURE OPERATIONS" THE US THEN PROCEEDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THE SITUATION. WHEN MAKARIOS DID NOT GRANT THE US BASE
RIGHTS, THE US WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OVERTHROWING MAKARIOS'
GOVERNMENT, SO THAT IT COULD GAIN ACCESS TO
THE ISLAND'S

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FACILITIES.

3. COMMENT: MUSTAFA AL-HUSSEINI IS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE
STAFF OF ROSE AL-YUSUF WHO SERVES AS A ROVING REPORTER AND
WHO WAS SENT TO GREECE AND CYPRUS TO COVER THE CYPRIOT
DIFFICULTIES. HE TENDS TO REFLECT ROSE AL-YUSUF'S STANDARD
LINE
WHICH IS MORE CRITICAL OF THE US THEN OTHER PUBLICATIONS
HERE.
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